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Zutphen, in the province of Gelderland is the 9th oldest city in the Netherlands. The 12th century St. Walburgis Church or “Grote Kerk” is the dominating building. More on Zutphen on pages 20 & 21.

Important: The entries below are an indication only of what events are planned during the coming months and the information given may not always be accurate and could be subject to change.
For up-to-date accurate information, **always** refer to the larger function advertisements inside this paper or the posters displayed in the clubhouse.

Upcoming Functions in Neerlandia or in other venues as shown:

Sunday 4 July	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Costs: \$7.00	
Thursday 8 July	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 11 July	<u>"Sunday Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: Adults \$12.00	
	Children \$ 6.00	
Thursday 22 July	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 25 July	<u>"Dutch Singers Variety Show"</u>	1.00 pm
	Cost: \$ 9.00	
	For additional details, see page 12	
Friday 30 July	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.00—7.00 pm
	Free entry	
Sunday 1 August	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Costs: \$ 7.00	
Thursday 5 Augustus	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Sunday 15 August	<u>"DACWA Quiz Afternoon"</u>	10.30 am
	Cost: \$ 6.00 per person	
	For additional details, see page 19	
Thursday 19 Augustus	<u>"DJVV Club"</u> (Fortnightly)	<i>Shop open</i>
Friday 27 August	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.00—7.00 pm
	Free entry	
Sunday 5 September	<u>"Fathers day Brunch"</u>	10.00 am
	Cost: Adults \$15.00	
	Children \$ 7.50	
Sunday 12 September	<u>"Sunday Card Drive"</u>	11.00 am
	Costs: \$ 7.00	
Friday 24 September	<u>"End of Month Drinks"</u>	5.00—7.00 pm
Sunday 26 September	<u>"Neerlandia AGM"</u>	1.00 pm

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Private Members Parties:

For bookings of Private Members Parties or information that is not in this magazine, please phone:

Pieter Leeftang on: 9364 6703 or Ray Schaafsma on: 9455 4835

Costs for using the Clubhouse facilities are:

Use of Hall only	\$275.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Lounge only	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)
Use of Kitchen	\$100.00 (Incl. GST)

Dear Readers,

First of all a reminder. This edition of our magazine is the combined July/August issue. In other words there will be **NO** separate August issue mailed out and the next magazine that you will receive is the September issue.

Annual General Meeting: Our AGM will be held on Sunday the 26th of September. More details can be found on page 9.

An unpleasant Experience:

Some members of the DJVV have been receiving very rude jokes under their windscreen wipers regarding the way they park their vehicles. If the person responsible is so concerned about the way people park, I suggest that he or she volunteers 1/2 hour each fortnight to regulate the traffic in our car park, we will gladly supply an Orange Jacket to make you look official.

Behaviour like this towards other members of our club is not nice and cannot be tolerated and I do not want to see any more such notices appear under peoples windcreens.

Recent functions have been well attended and the "End of the Month Drinks" are going from strength to strength.

A new venture, whereby we are opening the Clubhouse Lounge every Friday, initially from



10.30—1.00 pm, is slowly becoming more popular as more and more people are becoming aware of this much needed service.

Upcoming functions:

The Brunch on Sunday the 11th of July looks like being well attended with the Klaverjas Club Neerlandia inviting all their playing members to attend, while they pick up the tab.

The Dutch Singers will present a Variety Show on Sunday the 25th of July. This show by the Dutch Singers is a new initiative by Neerlandia and the Dutch Singers.

This Variety Concert should not be missed. I am convinced that the Dutch Singers will excel and will present an outstanding, fun-filled concert.

Quiz Afternoon. On Sunday the 15th of August Dutch Aged Care will once again organise a Quiz Afternoon and I ask you to show them your support by attending or organising a table for six.

The Father's Day Brunch will be held on Sunday the 5th of September.

Prinsen Ball. The Sandgropers will hold their Prinsen Ball this year on Sunday afternoon the 7th of November instead of on the traditional Saturday evening. More on this event in our next magazine.

DVD Afternoon. This event was cancelled as Western Power notified us that the large wooden electricity pole in front of the club would be replaced on Sunday the 20th of June and it would disrupt parking as well as our power supply. However, after we cancelled and notified everyone, we learned on Friday that Western Power had postponed the work.

Price Increases:

Your Committee has decided that price increases for some functions will be introduced gradually. That is one of the reasons that we have reverted the admission price for the July Brunch back to \$12.00 per person.

Herring and Smoked Mackerel (Makreel):

After quite some time these two very popular products are once again available from our shop.

Pieter Leeftang

Your President



GET WELL SOON:

To those members who are not feeling too well, who are ill, injured or who are battling a severe illness, the Neerlandia Committee wish you all the very best and above all, a full and speedy recovery.

Congratulations!!!!
The following
new members
joined the Dutch
Society Neerlandia

Malcolm Stafford
Annegret Renk-Kotzee
Hinke Frigeri
Nicholas Helfrich
Til van Toor
Anne Neil
Harold Lovery
Joke Lovery
Frans Roozendaal
Vincenta Roozendaal



Thinking like a Building Tradesperson:

This is a story about the bond formed between a little girl and a group of building workers. It's allegedly true and makes you want to believe in the goodness of people and that there is hope for the human race.

A young family moved into a house next door to an empty plot. One day Joe, Steve and a gang of building workers turned up to start building a house.

The young family's 5-year-old daughter naturally took an interest in all the activity going on next door and started talking with the workers.

She hung around and eventually the builders, all with hearts of gold, more or less adopted the little girl as a sort of project mascot. They chatted with her, let her sit with them while they had tea and lunch breaks, and gave her little jobs to do here and there to make her feel important.

They even gave her, her very own hard hat and gloves.

At the end of the first week they presented her with a pay envelope containing a two dollar and a 50 cent coin.

The little girl took her 'pay' home to her mother who suggested that they take the money she had received to the bank the next day to start a savings account..

When they got to the bank the cashier was tickled pink listening to the little girl telling her about her 'work' on the building site and the fact she had a 'pay packet'.

'You must have worked very hard to earn all this', said the bank cashier.

The little girl proudly replied, 'I worked all last week with the men building a big house.'

'My goodness gracious,' said the cashier, 'Will you be working on the house again this week, as well?' The little girl thought for a moment and proudly said...

'I think so. If those wankers at Bristle deliver the bloody bricks.'

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Some British humour:

Complaints from Council House Owners. These are genuine clips from council complaint letters:

1. My bush is really overgrown round the front and my back passage has fungus growing in it.
2. He's got this huge tool that vibrates the whole house and I just can't take it anymore.
3. It's the dogs' mess that I find hard to swallow.
4. I want some repairs done to my cooker as it has backfired and burnt my knob off.
5. And their 18-year-old son is continually banging his balls against my fence.
6. I wish to report that tiles are missing from the outside toilet roof. I think it was bad wind the other night that blew them off.
7. My lavatory seat is cracked, where do I stand?
8. I am writing on behalf of my sink, which is coming away from the wall.
9. Will you please send someone to mend the garden path? My wife tripped and fell on it, yesterday, and now she is pregnant
10. I request permission to remove my drawers in the kitchen.
11. 50% of the walls are damp, 50% have crumbling plaster and 50% are plain filthy.
12. The toilet is blocked and we cannot bath the children until it is cleared.
13. Our lavatory seat is broken in half and is now in three pieces.
14. This is to let you know that our lavatory seat is broke and we can't get BBC 2.

Sunday Klaverjas Drive.

**De volgende
Klaverjas drives
worden gehouden op
Zondag 4 July en
Zondag 1 Augustus**

De toegangsprijs is
iets omhoog gegaan om de
onkosten te dekken.

Kosten nu: \$7.00 per persoon.

Kom gezellig Klaverjassen voor
Winkelbonnen in het Neerlandia
Clubhuis.

Lunch & Koffie zijn
bij de toegangsprijs
inbegrepen.
Aanvang 11.00 uur
precies.

**DUTCH IMPORTED LIQUOR**

INMAAK BRANDEWIJN	\$49.00	PER LITER
OUDE JENEVER	\$49.00	PER LITER
JONGE JENEVER	\$49.00	PER LITER
CITROEN JENEVER	\$49.00	PER LITER
BEERENBURG	\$49.00	PER LITER
BESSEN JENEVER	\$39.00	PER LITER
CITROEN BRANDEWIJN	\$39.00	PER LITER
KERSEN BRANDEWIJN	\$39.00	PER LITER
DIKKE ADVOCAT	\$29.00	per 700ml

AVAILABLE WHEN THE BAR IS OPEN:

DJVV 2nd Thursdays:	10.00 am—2.00 pm
Thursdays Evenings:	7.00 pm—10.30 pm
Organised Functions:	See page 2

**PRE-ORDERED BOTTLES CAN ALSO BE
COLLECTED WHEN THE SHOP IS OPEN**

Every 2nd Tuesday from	10.00 am—12 noon
Every Wednesday from	11.00 am—1.00 pm



**BOTTLES ARE ALSO
AVAILABLE EVERY
FRIDAY
from 10.00 am—1.00 pm**

End of Month Drinks

The next two are on Friday 30 July and Friday 27 August.

**Come along after work for some relaxation, meet up with
old friends or make new ones, listen to some entertainment
and enjoy a snack, a Dutch beer
or just a cup of coffee!**

The Lounge Bar will be open from 5.00 pm -7.00 pm

The Kitchen will be open for:

**Coffee & Dutch Appeltaart! Broodje Krokot or
Broodje Rookworst! Bitterballen! Chips!**

The Neerlandia "Winkel" will be open as well.

Everyone welcome-Everyone welcome-Everyone welcome.

The Dutch Society Neerlandia

We are now opening the Clubhouse Lounge every Friday from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm.



The Neerlandia “Winkel” will be open as well during those hours.

Come along for a cup of Coffee with a biscuit or a piece of Dutch Appeltaart.

Or enjoy lunch with a

Kroket or a few

Bitterballen from our

Kitchen or just visit

our shop to obtain

some original Dutch products.

And if required Dutch Liquor can also be purchased.



End of the month drinks in May

End of month drinks May 2010:

The patio area was turned into a totally child friendly area with all the books and games easily accessible for those who wanted a game to play, a book to read or a puzzle to make.



Laura shows how the game of sjoelen is played

And the kind donation of a “sjoelbak” was the absolute hit.

Inside the lounge about 40 people enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere of the last held “Friday of the Month” drinks, a social gathering that is steadily gaining in popularity.

Every month a different mix of patrons visit the lounge for a drink to start the weekend and this time we enjoyed the company of an unusual amount of new faces.

People mingled, exchanged addresses and phone numbers, while four visitors became Neerlandia members.

A special thank you should go to Dora, Thea and Nellie, who, as always, were working very hard to serve kroketten, bitterballen en home made “Appeltaart” (apple cake). A good time was had by all.



Evert van Herel with son Fabian

Lianna Parker



Barrie Parker, our friendly face behind the bar, serving customers Aart ter Kuile & Frans Roozendaal



Dorothy Mulder & Roely Kruger



Dagnia Petersons, Eleonore Kavanagh (all the way from Albany) and Petra Holstein in the middle.

Sunday Klaverjas Drive and Public Notices

Sunday Klaverjas Drive:

This was held on Sunday the 6th of June and as we had only 6 tables, it was held in the clubhouse lounge. On arrival everyone received a cup of coffee and sharp at 11.00 o'clock the competition started. After 2 games, a "Belegd Broodje" and Coffee was served. A thank-you for preparing that is due to Dora van der List and Irma van der Kwast. Lunch was followed by two more games. And when all the players had completed their four games, the score cards were checked to select the winners. The winning scores were not as high as last month, when they were all above 7000.

These prize winners were:

Klaverjassen:

1st Prize:	Con van der Putten	6830 points
2nd Prize:	Tiny Swart	6731 points
3rd Prize:	Freda Hovingh	6669 points

The next Sunday Drive will be held on Sunday the 3rd of July. *Starting July there will also be a price increase.*

Pieter Leeftang

IN LOVING MEMORY

Passed away on the Saturday the 5th of June

Henk Segers

Our sincere condolences
to his son Peter & all the family
from the Wednesday Card Club,
the Hollandia Billiard Club and
The Neerlandia Klaverjas Club.

May he Rest in Peace.



OUR NEXT BRUNCH WILL BE ON SUNDAY THE 11TH OF JULY AT 10.00 AM



Brunch

Sunday 11 July

Come and Join us at Neerlandia for our Dutch "Brunch".

Enjoy an "Uitsmijter" and all sorts of other Dutch Breakfast Foods.

Unlimited Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice.

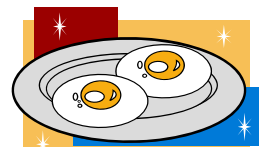
Celebrate a Birthday with your family, invite your friends or ask the secretary of your Social Club to take you out

Please note: There has not been a Price increase:

But our Brunch is still good value!

Adults: \$12.00

Children: \$ 6.00



For catering purposes, pre-payment is necessary when you make your booking.

Contact: Ans van Alphen on 9342 6525 (9 am – 9 pm)

The pre-payment options are:

- ***Send your Cheque by mail to Neerlandia, PO Box 200, WEMBLEY WA 6913***
- ***Pay with credit or debit card over the phone.***
- ***Pay in the Clubhouse on any Friday between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm***

Important: The AGM on Sunday 26 September

Neerlandia AGM:

On Sunday the 26th of September, starting sharp at 1.00 pm, our **Annual General Meeting** will be held in the Neerlandia Clubhouse. Financial Members only!

- How did Neerlandia deal with the increased utilities charges and the increased cost of all goods and services?
- Did the downturn in trading affect our financial outcome?
- Did we, financially speaking go backwards and did we have to dip into our financial reserves?
- By how much will your Membership Fees be increased?
- Who will be elected to be on the next Committee?

These questions and many others will be answered at the AGM, so be there, get involved and find out what is happening with your club.

Please note: During the meeting Coffee will be freely available and after the meeting everyone present will be served with a “Belegd Broodje” and after the meeting will be given one free drink.

Elections of Committee:

One of the most important issues on the Agenda is always the Election of Office Bearers.

This year, in accordance with our constitution, the following positions will be declared vacant, but of course the sitting members have the right to re-nominate.

The vacant positions are:

Vice-President. (two year term)

Secretary. (two year term)

Treasurer. (one year term)

4 Committee Members. (two year terms)

1 Committee Member. (one year term)

Vice-President: Presently held by Ray Schaafsma. He will not be available for re-election as after 10 years of dedicated service on our committee he would like to take a well-deserved break.

Secretary: Position held by Lianna Parker. She is available for re-election.

Treasurer: Peter van Dijk has been appointed mid-term by the Committee. His appointments is only until the AGM, but he will make himself available for election. This position is only for a one year term.

Four Committee Members: (two year term)

Henry Koldenhoven, our Assistant Treasurer, will be available for re-election.

Beppie van Maanenbergh and Ad Liebrechts have not

made a decision as yet if they will make themselves available for re-election at the AGM.

Tony Horsten, will be available for re-election.

One Committee Members: (one year term)

Although Bram Buying had one year to go, he will resign at the AGM due to ill health and his position on the Committee will be available for a one year term.

New blood on our Committee:

In the past I have repeatedly written that younger, energetic and active Committee Members must be found in order to eventually take over the reins of Neerlandia. Let's face the majority of your present Committee Members are not getting any younger and it is just a matter of time before they hang up their boots.

Life Members:

Your Committee has decided to recommend that one member be elected as Life Member of the Dutch Society Neerlandia, however this recommendation has to be confirmed by 75% or more of the members present at this AGM.

Further particulars will be published in the September issue of the Neerlandia magazine, which is closer to the AGM.

Pieter Leeftang.

NOMINATION FOR NEERLANDIA COMMITTEE

I nominate:

Mr/Mrs/Ms.....

For the following position:

Vice-President ()

Secretary ()

Treasurer ()

Committee Member ()

Signature Proposer.....Membership No:.....

Signature Secunder.....Membership No:.....

I accept the nomination:.

Signature Candidate.....Membership No:.....

All nomination forms must be in the possession of the Secretary by Monday the 5th of September 2010

Please put the completed form in a sealed envelope, label it “Nomination for Committee” and mail it to:

**The Secretary, Dutch Society Neerlandia,
PO Box 200, Wembley WA 6913**



Lachen is gezond



De nachtreis:

Een man gaat met de nachttrein naar de wintersport. In de slaapcoupe komt hij tot de ontdekking dat hij de ruimte moet delen met een vrouw. Ze stellen zich aan elkaar voor. De vrouw gaat boven slapen, de man onder.

Ze gaan in bed liggen, maar na een kwartier roept de vrouw: "Buurman, slaapt u al?"

"Nee", zegt de man.

"Ik heb het nogal koud", zegt de vrouw, "Wilt u misschien het raampje dicht doen?"

"Natuurlijk", zegt de man. Hij stapt uit bed, doet het raampje dicht en gaat weer liggen.

Na een kwartier roept de vrouw: "Buurman, slaapt u al?"

"Nee", zegt de man.

"Het wordt nogal benauwd", zegt de vrouw, "wilt u misschien het raampje weer open doen?"

"Oke", zegt de man. Hij stapt uit bed, doet het raampje open en gaat weer liggen.

Na een kwartier roept de vrouw: "Buurman, slaapt u al?"

"Nee", zegt de man.

"Het begint nu toch weer koud te worden", zegt de vrouw, maar ik heb gezien dat daar in het kastje nog een deken ligt. Wilt u die misschien voor mij pakken?"

"We zouden natuurlijk ook kunnen doen of we getrouwd zijn", zegt de man.

"O ja, zou u dat willen?", vraagt de vrouw.

"Ja hoor", zegt de man.

"Nou, dat lijkt me ook wel fijn", zegt de vrouw.

"Mooi", zegt de man, "Kom je nest uit, pak zelf die deken, kruip er weer in, houd je bakkes en laat me slapen".

Oud worden heeft zijn voordelen:

Een ouder echtpaar vierde hun 60ste huwelijks feest. Ze hadden elkaar op de lagere school ontmoet en waren, na hun pensionering, weer in hun oude buurt gaan wonen.

Tijdens een wandeltochtje kwamen ze bij hun oude school en zagen hun namen nog ingekerft staan op een schoolbankje.

Op weg naar huis zagen ze, dat er een zak met geld uit een geldwagen viel. Ze raapten het op en namen het mee naar huis.

Daar telden ze het geld en het bleek 50.000 Euro's te zijn.

De oude man zei: "We moeten het terug geven."

Maar zijn vrouw vond, dat zij het had gevonden en verstopte het op zolder. De volgende dag kwamen er twee politieagenten om iedereen in de straat te ondervragen en klopten op hun deur. Na de vraag of ze de zak met geld hadden gevonden antwoordde zij: "Nee".

Maar hij zei dat ze loog en dat ze het op zolder had verstopt.

"Geloof hem maar niet hoor" zei de vrouw. "Hij begint een beetje seniel te worden."

Eén van de agenten vroeg aan hem om alles vanaf het begin te vertellen. "Welnu" zei hij: "Toen wij gisteren van school kwamen....."

De twee agenten keken elkaar aan en zeiden: "We weten al genoeg".

De Apotheker:

Een vrouw wandelt de apotheek binnen, en vraagt om wat arsenicum. De apotheker vraagt: "Mevrouw, waarvoor hebt u dat nodig".

"Om mijn man te vermoorden", was het antwoord van de vrouw

"Daarvoor mag ik u dat niet verkopen", reageert de apotheker

De vrouw haalt uit haar handtas een foto van haar echtgenoot, terwijl die volop aan het vrijen was met de vrouw van de apotheker.

De Apotheker bekijkt de foto zei: "Oh...ik wist niet dat u een script had"

Het oor:

Een Belg werkt in een houtzagerij. Hij is altijd enthousiast, maar bepaald niet voorzichtig.

Op zekere dag loopt hij op een zaag in en 'tsjak' zo zijn oor eraf. Het oor valt in de zaagselbak onder de zaag.

Iedereen helpt met zoeken, hopelijk kan zijn oor weer aangenaaid worden in het ziekenhuis.

Iemand vindt het oor en houdt het omhoog.

De Belg zegt: 'Nee, dat is 'm niet. Ik had er een potloodje achter zitten."

NEERLANDIA COMPUTER LESSONS

Is there a need to improve your basic Computer skills or brush up on specific areas such as sending E-mails, writing letters, sending photo's, keeping simple accounts or do you have general computer problems?

Contact Ad Liebrechts direct on:
9279 7383.

He will give free advise or invite you to participate in a few lessons in our



Clubhouse or find other solutions for your problems.
This service is free for our Members, but we do charge for a cup of Coffee

Dutchees Cafe

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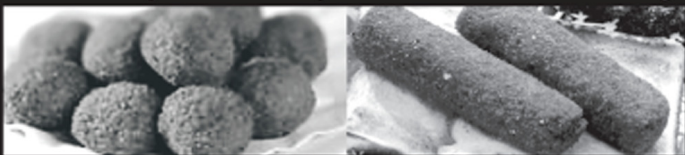
Pioneer Village, Armadale

Where Albany Hwy & Southwest Hwy meet
Open Tuesday to Friday 9am-5pm - Saturday 9am-2pm

Enjoy morning or afternoon tea and lunches, while shopping for your favourite Dutch goodies

We Stock:

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- Smoked Mackerel • Assorted Dutch Licorice
- Boerekool • Zuurkool • Capucijners • Bruinebonen
- Applesauce • Cake Mixes • Special Meat Spices
- And many more Dutch products - More stock arriving



DE NEERLANDIA WINKEL

Levensmiddelen en allerlei lekkernijen uit Nederland



- Bitterballen, Kroketten & Rookworst van Kasteel & van Wees
- Vleeswaren van Elmar
- Leidse & Goudse Kaas
- **Zoute haring & Gerookte Makreel zijn weer verkrijgbaar**
- Ontbijtkoek, Gember Koek en Candij Koek
- Groenten in glas en in blik
- Zoute Drop, Stroopwafels, Gesorteerde Koekjes & Beschuit
- Gestampte Muisjes, Hagelslag, Fruithagel & Chocolate Vlokken
- Amandel Koeken, Kano's, Amsterdammers & Speculaas

De Neerlandia Winkel is open op de volgende dagen:

Elke Woensdag	van 10.00 am - 1.00 pm
Dinsdag (non - DJVV week)	van 11.00 am - noon
Donderdags (DJVV week - see page 2)	van 11.00 am - 2.00 pm
Elke Donderdag avond	van 10.00 pm - 11.00 pm
Iedere Vrijdag	van 10.00 am—1.00 pm



De Neerlandia winkel is bemand door vrijwilligers en daarom moeten de bovenstaande tijden een beetje ruim genomen worden

Variety Show



Presented by “The Dutch Singers”

DATE: Sunday 25 July

Venue: Neerlandia Clubhouse

Cost: \$9.00 per person.

Refreshments: The Admission price includes a cup of Coffee/Tea & home-made “Appeltaart”.

Time: Doors open 1.00 pm Show starts at 2.00 pm

The Kitchen and Bar will be open during the interval when drinks and additional refreshments can be obtained.

Please do not miss this fun-filled, fantastic afternoon by our Dutch Singers with their famous repertoire of Dutch, English and International Songs.

Pre-paid tickets only are available from:

“The Dutch Singers” direct

& Ans van Alphen, Tel: 9342 6525

(9.00 am—9.00 pm)



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Dear readers,

The memorial Service held to commemorate the Anniversary of the Dutch national Liberation Day and to remember all those that lost their lives during the second world war was once again held at the Dutch Annex, Perth War Cemetery, off Smyth Road, Nedlands.

And once again it was a moving, well organised Ceremony and all those ANSWA Representatives that did all the hard work to get it off the ground and make it a success are to be congratulated.



A word of thanks and recognition is due to Aat Kievit, Henry Koldenhoven, Harry Crijns, Jenny Kievit, Anneke Rombouts, Henk Uyen, Karin Eastwood and of course the Dutch Singers as well as the Dutch Society Neerlandia, as they specially opened its clubhouse after the event.

We were also honoured with the presence of Mr. Jaap Fredericks, the Dutch Consul General, who specially flew over from the Eastern States for this occasion, as well as Mr. Arnold Stroobach, the Honorary Dutch Consul of Western Australia. More details and pictures of this event can be found on pages 16 & 17 of this magazine.

On the 7th of July the WA Government will hold a special Lunch in Parliament House to welcome the recently appointed Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, His Excellency Mr. Willem Andreae and Mrs Christine Gervoson de Sierven on their first official visit to Western Australia.

ANSWA representatives and several other representatives of the Dutch Community have been invited to attend.

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Geef Nederlander de ruimte, dan is hij vriendelijk, door Jeroen Dirks. (Artikel overgenomen uit de Wereldkrant)

Onverschillig. Onaardig. Onbehouwen. Soms zelfs onbeschoft. Nederlanders staan niet te boek als beleefd.

Al helemaal niet bij de Nederlanders in het buitenland, die immers weten hoe het beter - en beleefder - kan. Maar ook in Nederland zelf begint dat besef door te dringen. De Stichting Ideële Reclame (SIRE) vindt veel weerklank met de campagne 'Aardige mensen. Hoe gaan we ermee om?'

'En? Lekker gewerkt?' Dat stond jarenlang met huizenhoge letters op een kraakpand in Amsterdam geschilderd. Vlakbij een druk kruispunt. Veel mensen schoten spontaan in de lach als ze de vraag zagen staan. Een deel van de voorbijgangers reageerde achterdochtig. 'D'r zal wel weer iets achter zitten.' En dat is precies waar het probleem zit in Nederland, vinden ook de mensen achter SIRE. Het lijkt wel of aardig zijn niet in ons systeem zit. En als we eens een aardig iemand tegen komen, weten we eigenlijk niet wat we moeten doen. Nog sterker, zo stelde een luisteraar in het Wereld Omroepprogramma Expat On Air, zaterdagochtend, 'we hebben in het Nederlands niet eens eigen woorden om beleefd te zijn: sorry, excuus... het komt allemaal uit een andere taal.'

Sorry

'In het begin viel me op dat de Engelsen wel vijftig tot honderd keer per dag please en thank you zeggen,' stelt Maikel van den Boomen, die nu tien jaar in Groot Brittannië woont. Hij vindt dat getuigen van respect. Sowieso zijn de Engelsen wat respectvoller. Toen hij onlangs even terug was in Nederland met zijn vrouw, werden ze bijna ondersteboven gelopen in een boekhandel. Zonder dat er iemand 'sorry' zei. En dat is nou precies wat hij wel verwachtte. 'Nederlanders zouden wat vaker 'sorry' en 'dank je wel' moeten zeggen.'

Gemoedelijk

Marjo Plessius woont een stuk verder weg, in Nieuw Zeeland. Maar haar ervaringen lijken op die van Van den Boomen. Terwijl de mensen in Nieuw Zeeland beleefd en vooral gemoedelijk blijven ('je kunt hier gewoon een gesprek met een vreemde hebben'), gaat het in Nederland achteruit. 'Vooral als we Nederlands spreken,' zo ontdekt ze bij een bezoek aan Groningen. 'Als we Engels spreken, zijn de mensen wat vriendelijker.' Waar het precies aan ligt, weet Marjo niet. Wel merkt ze op dat Nederlanders steeds drukker zijn geworden. 'Als je iemand wilt spreken, moet je een afspraak maken. Dat was vroeger niet. Als er iemand jarig was, kon je gewoon aanbellen. De achterdeur was altijd open. De burens liepen af en aan.'

Geïnteresseerd

In Spanje heeft Rianne Smulders een iets andere mening over die veelgenoemde onbeleefdheid van Nederlanders.

'Ja, zegt ze, 'Nederlanders zijn nogal direct. Of 'bot'. 'Maar dat heeft helemaal niets met onaardig te maken. Als ik terugkijk, dan vind ik Nederlanders eigenlijk best aardig. Open. Geïnteresseerd in de ander. Als je ze iets vraagt, zijn ze best behulpzaam en geven ze je ook antwoord. Het is ook afhankelijk van hoe jouw houding is.' De Spanjaarden zijn, volgens Smulders, ook niet onvriendelijk, maar wel een stuk geslotener.

Anonimiteit

De Nederlandse etiquette-deskundige Beatrijs Ritsema betwijfelt ook of het allemaal wel zo erg is met de Nederlanders als soms wordt geschetst. 'De Nederlandse cultuur is altijd al direct geweest,' stelt ze nuchter vast. Dat was al zo in de Gouden Eeuw. Juist omdat ons land zo dichtbevolkt is, is een bepaalde anonimiteit ontstaan. Dan is groeten niet meer vanzelfsprekend. Zeker in de steden niet.' En dat Nederlanders aan de Spaanse costa's als luidruchtig worden gezien, maakt ze niet echt bijzonder. Exact hetzelfde geldt volgens Ritsema voor de Britten. En de Russen.'

Servicegericht

Natuurlijk, zo - uiterlijk - beleefd als de Engelsen of zo servicegericht als de Amerikanen zijn we in Nederland natuurlijk niet. Al kunnen we het wel, zo ontdekte Anita Motshagen, die zelf op Curaçao woont. 'Ik was eerder dit jaar in Nederland. Ongelooflijk, hoe onverschillig mensen zijn. Niemand zegt hallo. Niemand die vraagt hoe het met je gaat,' vertelt ze. 'Ik was al een tijd niet geweest, maar ik heb zeker het gevoel dat het erger wordt, de laatste jaren. Misschien dat het door het koude weer bij jullie komt, want zodra diezelfde Nederlanders hier uit het vliegtuig stappen, zijn ze wel beleefd. Vinden ze het wel leuk om contact te maken.'

Huidskleur

Mea Trott, Arubaanse van geboorte, heeft min of meer dezelfde ervaring. In de tijd dat zij in Nederland, in Almere, woonde, kreeg zij het gevoel dat ze met de nek werd aangekeken. Even een praatje maken, oprecht in elkaar geïnteresseerd zijn; het lijkt er niet in te zitten. Waarbij Mea dan ook nog het gevoel kreeg dat mensen haar meden omdat ze een andere huidskleur heeft. Zij wil in ieder geval nooit meer terug naar Nederland en woont nu al heel lang, met veel plezier op Aruba.

Maatje

'Er is te weinig respect. En dat zit 'm in de opvoeding,' zegt Rob Sterenborg. Hij woont in Duitsland, waar de situatie overigens niet zoveel verschilt van die in Nederland. Ook in Bonn constateert hij dat ouders 'gewoon' te weinig tijd besteden aan het bijbrengen van beleefdheidsvormen - aan het geven van structuur aan hun kinderen. Kennelijk zijn ze bang voor weerwoord - of ruzie - als ze hun kinderen een keertje aanspreken op vervelend of onaardig gedrag. 'Ouders willen steeds vaker het maatje zijn van hun kinderen. Ze stellen geen kaders,' aldus Sterenborg.

Hooivork

In feite verwoordt hij daarmee het gevoel dat ook een

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aantal ideële reclamemakers heeft. Want de campagne: 'Aardige mensen. Hoe gaan we ermee om?' van SIRE is niets anders dan een poging om ons een beetje beter op te voeden. In een van de vele spots zien we twee tourfietsers die overduidelijk verdwaald zijn, maar zich direct uit de voeten maken als een wat oudere boer met een hooivork naar ze toekomt om te helpen. Etiquette-deskundige Beatrijs Ritsema vindt de spotjes wel leuk. Maar betwijfelt of ze helpen. 'Voorlichting leidt nooit tot gedragsverandering. Je kunt beter de wet veranderen. Of iets doen aan de opvoeding.' Maar, zo herhaalt ze, de vraag is of je wel iets moet doen. Relativerend wijst ze erop dat de oude Grieken al klaagden over elkaars ongemanierdheid. Inherent aan een groot stedelijke omgeving.

Ruimte

En daar zit 'm dan waarschijnlijk de verklaring voor 'onze' botheid en vermeende ongemanierdheid. We wonen te dicht op elkaar in Nederland. Als we uitstappen op Curaçao, of een leuk huisje hebben in de bergen van Nieuw Zeeland, hebben we - letterlijk - de ruimte om vriendelijker en aardiger te zijn.

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HERDENKINGS DAG

Op 8 mei was er weer de jaarlijkse dodenherdenking op de Nederlandse oorlogsbegraafplaats, aan Smyth Road in Nedlands. Hieronder enige photos die genomen zijn gedurende deze Herdenking.



Australische Cadets waren voor de eerste keer aanwezig.



De Nederlandse Consul General Jaap Frederiks en de honoraire Consul in West Australië, Arnold Strobach legden tezamen een krans.



Een krans werd gelegd door Thom Dercksen, Patron of ANSWA



De Dutch Singers zorgden voor de juiste atmosphere



Anneke Rombouts & Jenny Kievit lezen een gedicht voor



Karin Eastwood and Jan Berg legden een rode roos op een graf



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Op 8 mei was er weer de jaarlijkse dodenherdenking op de Nederlandse oorlogsbegraafplaats, een onderdeel van de Australian War Cemetery aan Smyth Road in Nedlands. Dutch Community Radio is een organisatie die bij de Associated Netherlands Societies in WA (ANSA) is aangesloten en vervult ieder jaar de taak om bij de opzet en realisatie van de ceremonie behulpzaam te zijn.

De geluidsinstallatie werd belangeloos ter beschikking gesteld door DCR medewerker Harry Crijns, DCR medewerker Jenny Kievit declameerde een Nederlands gedicht, waarvan de Engelse vertaling en declamatie werd verzorgd door Anneke Rombouts en DCR medewerker Aat Kievit had als ceremoniemeester de leiding gedurende de ceremonie. Ook de muziek komt uit het bestand van DCR.

Dit jaar stond de ceremonie in het licht van de herbegravenis, 60 jaar geleden, van de slachtoffers van de luchtaanval op Nederlandse militaire watervliegtuigen in Roebuck Bay bij Broome naar de Nederlandse annex van de War Cemetery in Perth. Melding werd nog gemaakt van het bezoek van Mevrouw van Aggelen in 2005, een overlevende van de luchtaanval, die de graven van haar ouders, die de luchtaanval helaas niet hadden overleefd, kwam bezoeken.

In 2007 vond de heer Wijnand Kramer in Nederland, bij het opruimen van de zolder, na het overlijden van zijn vader, een doos met papieren, waaruit bleek dat zijn grootouders en tante eveneens waren omgekomen in Broome en samen met zijn broer bezocht hij de Nederlandse annex in 2008, waar zijn tante ligt begraven en de namen van zijn grootouders staan vermeldt op een plaquette, omdat zij nooit zijn gevonden.

De Nederlandse Consul Generaal, de heer Jaap Frederiks, was speciaal uit Sydney overgekomen en legde tezamen met de Nederlandse honoraire Consul in West Australië, de heer Arnold Stroobach een krans. Andere kransen werden gelegd door de heer Bill Gaynor, voorzitter van de RSL in WA, de heer Russell McLaughlan, namens het Departement van Veteranen, de heer Thom Dercksen namens ANSA, de heer Ernie Baints namens de Netherlands Ex Servicemen Association, de heren Henk Raafs en Anton Gradissen namens het regiment Stoottroepen Prins Bernhard, de heer Pieter Leeftang namens de Dutch Society Neerlandia, mevrouw Karin Eastwood namens Dutch Aged Care in WA en mevrouw Matty Mentz namens het Nederlandse koor, The Dutch Singers. The Dutch Singers zongen de beide volksliederen, het Wilhelmus en Advance Australia Fair. De



ceremonie wordt altijd afgesloten met het leggen van een roos op elk van de aanwezige graven.

Op zondag 16 mei werd het wekelijks radioprogramma uitgezonden vanuit het clubgebouw van Neerlandia. Behalve Robert Wegman, die het programma in de studio in de gaten hield, waren alle medewerkers van Dutch Community Radio in Neerlandia aanwezig zijn. Margaret Baltes en Harry Crijns hebben inmiddels hun testen met succes afgelegd en zijn dus officieel geaccepteerd door het radio station als presentatrice en geluids technicus. Helaas was de uitzending, vanwege de slechte verbinding tussen Neerlandia en studio bijna niet te volgen via de radio en internet en hebben we ons beklach gedaan bij de studio, dat wij geen gebruik meer zullen maken van de apparatuur, wanneer wij niet verzekerd zijn van goede communicatie.

Indien u dit leest, ligt 1 juli alweer achter ons en is het nieuwe financiële jaar begonnen. Hartelijk dank aan alle donateurs voor de geldelijke steun die we afgelopen jaar van U hebben gekregen. Mogen wij ook dit komende jaar weer op uw donatie rekenen?

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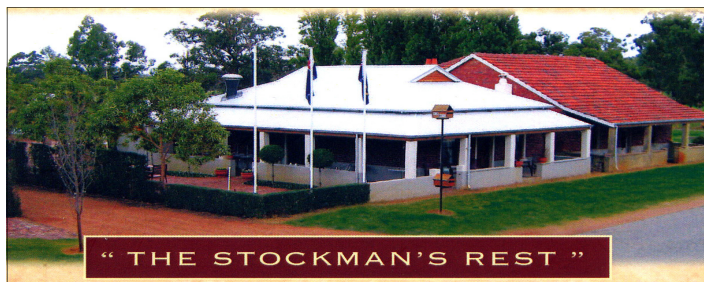
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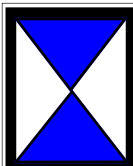
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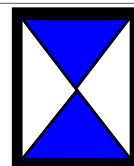
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Flag of Zutphen

Zutphen is a city in the province of Gelderland in the Netherlands. It lies some 30 km north-east of Arnhem, on the Eastern bank of the river IJssel at the point where it is joined by the Berkel. The name Zutphen (first mentioned in the eleventh century) appears to mean 'zuid-veen', or in English, south-fen. In 2005, the municipality of Zutphen was merged with the municipality of Warnsveld, retaining its name. The municipality has about 47,000 inhabitants.

HISTORY

About 300 AD a Germanic settlement was the first permanent town on a complex of low river dunes. Whereas many such settlements were abandoned in the early Middle Ages, Zutphen on its strategic confluence of IJssel and Berkel stayed. After the incorporation of the IJssel lands in Charlemagne's Francia, Zutphen became a local centre of governance under a count. The Normans raided and ravaged it at about 900 AD. Afterwards a system of walls were built to protect the budding town.

In the eleventh century Zutphen was a royal residence for a number of years; a pfalz was built, together with a large chapter church, the predecessor of the present St. Walburgis. The counts of Zutphen acquired a lot of power, until the line of counts became extinct in the twelfth century. After the death of her father and her brother, Ermgard, the heiress of Zutphen married the count of Guelders; her son Henry I, Count of Guelders was the first to wear both titles.

The town received city rights between 1190 and 1196, making it one of the oldest cities in the country. Only Utrecht, Groningen and Deventer preceded it in receiving city rights. Zutphen, in turn, granted city rights to several other cities, such as Arnhem, Doetinchem, Lochem and Harderwijk. It also became part of the Hanze, a group of cities with great wealth, this group of cities were the economic centre in that part of Europe.



Old City Wall Zutphen



The Old Medieval Library in Zutphen

The largest and oldest church of the city is the St. Walburgis (Saint Walpurga) church, which originally dates from the twelfth century (see photo front cover of the magazine). The present Gothic building contains monuments of the former counts of Zutphen, a thirteenth century candelabrum, an elaborate copper font (1527), and a modern monument to the Van Heeckeren family. The chapter-house ("Librije") contains a pre-Reformation library which includes some valuable manuscripts and incunabula. It is considered one of only 5 remaining medieval libraries in Europe (the other 4 being in England and Italy respectively). The old books are still chained to their ancient wooden desk, a habit of centuries ago,

dating from the times the library was a "public library" and where the chains prevented the books from being stolen.

Having been fortified the town stood several sieges, specially during the wars of freedom waged by the Dutch against Spain, the most celebrated fight under its walls being the Battle of Zutphen in September 1586 when Sir Philip Sidney was mortally wounded. Taken by the Spaniards in 1587 by the treachery of the English commander Rowland York, Zutphen was recovered by Maurice, prince of Orange, in 1591 and except for two short periods, one in 1672 and the other during the French Revolutionary Wars, it has since then remained a part of the Netherlands. Its fortifications were dismantled in 1874.



Maurice, Prince of Orange

Picturesque Zutphen

The old centre survived the Second World War almost in its entirety, though some parts of the city were lost, especially the area around the railway station, in the northern part of the city centre, known as the Nieuwstad (New City). The city centre includes many monumental buildings dating back to the 16th and 17th centuries, and some even date back to the 13th century such as a retirement home area. There are also remains of the old town walls in several places.



View over the river IJssel

PRESENT DAY



Town of Warnsveld

Today, Zutphen is a modern small city. The urban area, which includes the town of Warnsveld.

Besides its splendid townscape it has a unique attraction. The promenade along the banks of the river IJssel offers abundant opportunity to enjoy the leisured beauty of the river.

Art and history enthusiasts are amply provided for by the two museums: the Municipal Museum with its collection of artefacts and the Henriette Polak Museum with its collection of modern art. On your wanderings through the old town, you will see numerous historic buildings. Unique is the Librije, a beautifully preserved 16th century library of manuscripts on chain, built onto the Walburg Church. Zutphen's municipal authorities do their utmost to make life as pleasant as possible for its residents.

The town invests in its future. There are not only housing schemes, there are also plans to create new industrial zones. From the Martinetsingel, you can see what Zutphen looked like in the early Middle Ages. The old town wall is still there in all its splendour and behind it are the picturesque roofs of century-old houses. On the Martinetsingel you can also find the Drogenaps Tower, dating from 1446. Another eye-catching defence, bearing witness to a glorious past, is the Berkel Ruin on the Hagepoort Square.



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SERVICES

Thanks to its significance as a regional centre, Zutphen has a wide range of specialised shops. The town is famous for its Thursday and Saturday markets, while the centre offers excellent shopping facilities. There are various sports facilities for energetic visitors, including water sports. A day in Zutphen may be concluded by a visit to the theatre, the art cinema or one of the many cafes and restaurants. Furthermore, there are a range of educational facilities close at hand. Zutphen is proud of its supra-regional institutions, such as the Chamber of Commerce, the Food Inspection Service and the District Employment Exchange. Furthermore, Zutphen is home to the district court. Zutphen is situated between the river IJssel and the Twente Canal. The Berkel Stream runs through the heart of the town. This is no coincidence, as water was historically essential for trade. Zutphen is surrounded by various regions of

great natural beauty and cultural historic value, like Achterhoek, Twente, Overijssel Range, Salland and Veluwe. Zutphen is easily accessible. The town is a junction of important water, railway and road connections. Its accessibility is all the more reason to visit the lovely, bustling town of Zutphen.

Compiled by Lou Dingjan with information from the internet.

July Birthdays & August Birthdays

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5 September

This special Brunch will be held on Sunday the 5th of September at 10.00 am



Cost: Adults \$15.00

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Show Dad that he is appreciated and take him and the entire family to enjoy "Brunch" at Neerlandia together.



We start off with Coffee and Dutch Appeltaart, then enjoy the usual Dutch Breakfast Treats, followed by our "Uitsmijter" with unlimited Coffee, Tea or Orange Juice. And a free Port for all Fathers.



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Het Rampjaar (The catastrophic Year) 1672

Het Rampjaar 1672.

Het Volk was Redeloos; De Regeering was Radeloos; het Land was Reddeloos. (The Citizens were senseless, the Government did not know what to do and the Country had no future).

Here are the events, that led to this situation:-

March 12 - England declares war on the Republic.

April 8 - France follows by declaring war as well.

June 1- Munster and Cologne both invade the Republic.

June 7 - Sea-Battle with England near Solebay (undecided with heavy losses both sides).

June 12- French forces under-Louis XIV cross the Rhine into Holland.

July 15- Willem III appointed Stadtholder of Holland and Zeeland.

Aug. 20- Johan de Witt, Raadspensionaris is slaughtered in The Hague.

September- Bernard von Galen (Prince Bishop of Munster —'Bommen Berend') withdraws with his troops from Groningen.

In history, everything has its beginnings, but the consequences thereafter are often unforeseen. So it was with the scenario that will unfold for you.



Johan de Wit

Johan de Witt (24 Sept 1625 - 20 Aug 1672) came from a prominent and influential Dutch family. In 1653 he was appointed 'Raadspensionaris' of the Republic of the Seven United Provinces, underwritten by the powerful city of Amsterdam with its burgomaster Cornelis de Graeff, husband of Johan's sister. For many years Johan was the face of the Republic. He had regular contacts with many Heads of State, Kings and Ministers.

Also within the Republic he had a great influence in all levels of governance.

Johan de Witt was an educated person and a gifted mathematician. In 1659 he had written a treatise named 'Filementa Curvarum Linearum (Grond Beginselen van de Kromme Lijnen). Through strictly managing the State finances and reducing the outgoings, it did not take long before the Republic was again an acknowledged power in the world of those days. This period without a Stadtholder under the astute management of Raadspensionaris De Witt

was very successful for the Republic with its strong navy to support it. After the outbreak of the first Anglo-Dutch war, the Admiralty of Zeeland offered Michiel de Ruyter the command of the fleet again after his erstwhile retirement. The Ruyter accepted the position for one trip only. However this soon became part of a new career some time later, with the offered rank of Lieutenant-Admiral

of the Republican's now powerful fleet. Using his influence, Johan de Witt had persuaded Michiel de Ruyter to accept this position as Admiral of a fleet, consisting of around 75 ships of war, armed with 4484 cannon and 20738 crew and soldiers. This appointment was strongly supported by the City of Amsterdam who paid for most of this fleet and the Staten of Holland. David de Witt at that time was one of the Burgomasters of Amsterdam and one of the most powerful in the city and a great friend of Johan de Witt.

De Ruyter's greatest moment came in 1667 at the height of the second Anglo-Dutch war when on the urging of Johan de Witt he sailed his fleet up the Thames and into the Medway, thereby inflicting an embarrassing defeat on the English. A huge part of the English fleet was destroyed on the Medway, whereby his captains captured the flagship 'Royal Charles' as well as another ship named 'Unity', sailing both of them back to the Netherlands.

A seed of discontent was sown when, in an innovative way, Raadspensionaris Johan de Witt sanitized and economized the Dutch pension system in existence; especially drawing ire by reducing the so called 'Weduwen Voorziening'.

However, a tightly financial regime, together with his anti-Orange outlook worked against him in the long run and led to his murder in 1672.

Also for many years, Raadspensionaris Johan de Witt managed to keep young Willem III out of politics and military influence, possibly with the cooperation of the Republican Oliver Cromwell of England. Cromwell had his own reasons to keep the young Willem III out of power as he was the son of Stadtholder Willem II and Mary Stuart, the daughter of King Charles I of England, the same who lost his head in 1649 on the scaffold for treason, after he was defeated by Cromwell's forces in the second English civil war.

We now proceed to the year 1654, when a secret treaty the 'Act of Seclusion' was signed, required by Cromwell as part of a general peace treaty, between the Republic and the Commonwealth of England, then under the Head of State Oliver Cromwell in which the Prince of Orange Willem III was excluded from the office of Stadtholder. Because of Willem's close relationship to the Stuarts, Cromwell was very suspicious of the young Prince of Orange. Already a meeting had been convened after the death of Stadtholder Willem II on the 6th of November 1650, when the States of Holland decided to leave the office of Stadtholder vacant in their province. The first Stadtholderless period came into place already in January 1651 by the Regents, being the Republican minded brothers Cornelis and Andries de Graeff and their cousins, the wealthy and powerful merchants Andries and Cornelis Bicker during the 'Grote Vergadering' in The Hague, a meeting of representatives of each of the Seven Provinces. When the English Restoration brought Charles II to the throne of England, the States of Holland declared that the Act of Seclusion had lost its validity, as the Act was signed by the Commonwealth which had now ceased to exist. However Johan de Witt and his republican minded friends again tried to permanently bar the House of Orange from achieving any political and military influence by introducing a 'Perpetual Edict'. However the States revoked this Edict and on the 24th of February 1672 and appointed Willem of Orange to the position of Captain



Miciel de Ruyter

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General and Stadtholder again.

There is a painting by Jacobus de Baen showing Cromwell's influence with Johan de Witt whereby the latter is signing the 'Act of Seclusion' while in the background the members of the States of Holland are signing a peace treaty, ending the first English War (1652-1654).

As stated before, the year 1672 will be remembered in the eventful history of the Republic of the Seven Provinces as a year full of disasters, finally bringing the State very close to bankruptcy and without firm leadership. At that time Raadspensionaris Johan de Witt was withdrawing from politics after his brother Cornelis had been accused of treason. During this turbulent period Johan had been wounded badly by a knife wielding follower of the House of Orange on the 21st of June. Then having partly recovered from knife-wounds during that attack on him, Johan received a fake message on the 20th of August that his brother Cornelis, who was imprisoned in the 'Gevangenpoort' in The Hague, wanted to speak to him. On his arrival and while inside, an angry mob assembled



outside prison. Originally a detachment of cavalry guarded the 'Gevangenpoort', but were withdrawn by order from higher placed authority on the strength that they had to suppress a revolt by farmers, looting the countryside. This proved to be untrue. When the cavalry withdrew, the unruly mob entered the medieval jail near the Vijverberg,



The murder of the brothers de Witt

pulled the brothers outside and killed them on the spot. Their clothes were ripped off and their bodies cannibalized, fingers, genitals and bits of flesh ripped off and exhibited for some time. The remnants of both brothers were strung upside down on a kind of gallows. It was Dirck Verhoeff, who cut out the heart of Johan and his brother Cornelis to exhibit these bloody parts to the public.

There is strong evidence that the Prince of Orange, Willem III was involved in the downfall of the brothers De Witt, but was never taken to account for it. The murderers were never prosecuted but were offered pensions and positions in government instead. It is quite reasonable to think that the revolt against the De Witt brothers opened the way for the House of Orange to provide again the traditional rulers of the Republic. Actually this rebellion and the atrocious murder of the brothers proved that they had under-estimated the true feelings and the great support of the general public towards the House of Orange.

During all these disturbances at home, the merchant navy was sailing the oceans, bringing prosperity to those being share-holders. Trade with the harbour cities around the

Baltic Sea, the fishing fleets on the Noord-Zee and Zuider Zee were still harvesting a variety of fish and trade with the Indies went unabated, bringing prosperity to those involved. However, the emerging power of the English brought the two maritime powers of England and the Republic in continuous conflict, resulting in four wars with England. Especially the third and fourth naval wars were disastrous for the Republic, whereby many valuable ships were lost.

During the second war about 150 ships were lost to the English as a merchant fleet was anchored in Het Vliet and could not escape. That happened on the 19th of August 1666. Not more than ten ships could sail away from this disaster. After this slaughter, the English plundered and destroyed West Terschelling.

The VOC was heavily involved in these wars and offered many of their own heavily armed vessels on loan at no cost to the Republic to fight their common enemy. In return The Republic's Navy was waiting in the North Sea to protect the slow and heavily loaded VOC vessels returning from the Indies.

Piracy and wars had a great impact on the prosperity and power of the Republic, which was slowly losing the supremacy on the seas to the English.

However during this gradual decline, many wealthy and influential citizens survived with their wealth intact, some families into the present days, like the Bicker clan. Andries Bicker, a merchant living in Amsterdam in the early 1600's became involved with the VOC, finally becoming its president. He also became burgomaster of Amsterdam and was later on succeeded by Cornelis de Graeff, his cousin and a great friend of Raadspensionaris Johan de Witt, his niece Wendela Bicker married Johan de Witt, he was a Colonel in the Civic Guard, commanding a Vendel and finally a representative in the 'Staten Generaal' of the Netherlands.

Even during the present years, many Dutch people have carved out a fortune for themselves. Five Hundred of the wealthiest Dutch families control a fortune of 127 billion Euro's. A similar story can be told of those who settled overseas after the last war, many of those also controlling a sizeable fortune.

I am ending my story by telling you that I am proud to be of Dutch heritage, with its history of struggle and survival against all odds.

This is well presented in the motto of the Province of Zeeland: 'Luctor et Emergo', I wrestle and emerge.

Gerard Woerlee.

Challenging puzzles by the Puzzle Wizard

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CODEBREAKER PUZZLE



How to play the Game:

A Codebreaker is a crossword puzzle with no clues! Every letter of the alphabet has been replaced by a number, the same number represents the same letter all the time in this puzzle.

All you have to do is find out which letter is represented by which number!

The codes for 3 letters are given. When you have entered these letters throughout the puzzle, you should have enough information to start guessing your first word and also discover other letters. If you are unsure, use a pencil, then you can always erase.

The June Codebreaker was not too difficult, once you had the word Matrix or Hallmark.

Following is the entire solution:
A=20; B=9; C=14; D=19; E=16;
F=2; G=10; H=21; I=8; J=6;
K=25; L=5; M=15; N=13; O=18;
P=7; Q=11; R=26; S=22; T=4;
U=24; V=17; W=12; X=1; Y=23;
Z=3.

AB CDEFGHIJK L MNOPQRSTU VWXYZ

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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Sudoku

The aim of the Sudoku Puzzle is to insert numbers in the boxes to satisfy only one condition: each row, each column and each 3x3 box must contain one each of the digits 1 through 9.

Sudoku - Easy

		4		6	7			
6	3	8			9			
5		7		2		9		3
							4	5
	4		5		1		2	
3	6							
1		6		3		8		9
			9			4	1	2
			8	1		6		



Sudoku - Moderate

	9		3		4			
7					5	8		
				7			2	9
3	4			1		5		
			5		3			
		7		4			8	6
9	7			3				
		8	9					4
			4		7		6	

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